

	<b>Central Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting Minutes</b> <b>March 19, 2008; 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.</b> <b>Mondawmin Mall</b>	
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Decisions/Follow-up</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Karen Bellesky, Co-Chair, and Claudia Gray (AIDS Administration) welcomed everyone to the meeting.</li> <li>Introductions of AIDS Administration Staff and Participants occurred.</li> </ul>	N/A
<b>Meeting Framework</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overview of RAC</li> <li>Meeting Purpose</li> <li>Evaluation Results</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Claudia Gray stated input from the community is vital to the AIDS Administration's work.</li> <li>The main purpose of RAC is to share information and receive feedback about HIV/AIDS services in Maryland.</li> <li>Claudia Gray stated that 26 evaluations were completed at the last meeting. The ratings were favorable.</li> </ul>	N/A
<b>Policy Update</b>  Heather Hauck, Director, AIDS Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heather Hauck presented a Policy Overview, including federal HIV prevention policy and funding, Ryan White policy directives, and an overview of state policy development.</li> <li>Heather Hauck reviewed examples of legislation related to HIV that have been considered by the Maryland legislature.</li> </ul>	N/A
<b>Epidemiology Presentation</b>  Colin Flynn, Chief, Center for Surveillance and Epidemiology, AIDS Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Colin Flynn presented information on the HIV/AIDS numbers in Central Maryland.</li> <li>A document entitled "HIV/AIDS in Central Maryland: an Epidemiological Profile" was distributed to participants.</li> <li>Colin Flynn stated that people get tested for STDs because of symptoms. For HIV/AIDS, it may take four or five years after a person is infected before they know they have it and the case is reported.</li> <li>Colin Flynn stated that the incidence (new cases) of HIV is decreasing by 2 % per year in Central Maryland. CDC's goal is to reduce new cases of HIV/AIDS by 10% by 2010.</li> </ul>	Slides of Colin Flynn's presentation will be posted on <a href="http://www.dhmd.state.md.us/AIDS/RAC/index.htm">http://www.dhmd.state.md.us/AIDS/RAC/index.htm</a> in a couple of days.
<b>Wrap Up</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Announcements</li> <li>Evaluations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluation forms were distributed and collected.</li> <li>Karen Bellesky announced a town meeting on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Baltimore Urban League, Call to Awareness HIV Disease. HIV overview, how to access testing and where services are available. The Ryan White Planning Committee has been invited.</li> <li>Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm., 4151 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore. A workshop that concerns women in jails and prisons and why women are at increased risk for HIV once released from the corrections system.</li> <li>Next meeting: May 12, 2008 at NEBO Christian Ministries, 240 N.</li> </ul>	Evaluation results will be shared in the future.

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